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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

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PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Mr. Madison E. Mitchell

NSA:

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CIA:

[REDACTED]

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ARMY:

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY:

Captain Frederick Welden

AIR FORCE:

Lt. Colonel George Keithley
(for Colonel William F. Scott)

JOINT STAFF:

Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF *
Captain Theodore C. Siegmund, USN *

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Mr. Gerald W. Sheerer

NSA:

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CIA:

[REDACTED]

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ARMY:

Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)

NAVY:

Commander Frederick W. Hitz
Commander James T. Douglas

SECRETARIAT:

Major Alva H. May, USAF

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USIB-EE-~~5.2/83~~ 5.3/83

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held 17 March 1960.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DISCUSSION:

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Reference Item not on the Agenda, Paragraph 4 of the Discussion of the [REDACTED] the second sentence is changed at the beginning to read "Mr. [REDACTED] of CIA indicated that"

The Minutes were amended accordingly.

DECISION: (17 March 1960)

The Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Meeting, as amended, were approved.

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USIB-EE-9.1/13

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Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held 17 March 1960.

Subject:

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PROBLEM:

To determine a course of Committee action in order to meet its responsibilities in the

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DISCUSSION:

The discussion opened on interpretations of NSCID No. 6 as they pertain to ELINT in general and Infrared in particular.

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The Chairman called on [REDACTED] for whatever clarification he could offer to the Committee as guidance, particularly regarding CIA Counsel's legal opinion. [REDACTED] made the following points: (1) the NSCID does not completely reject [REDACTED] (2) there are other committees which have an interest in [REDACTED] and if the ELINT Committee should feel that [REDACTED] is not their responsibility, the subject very well could suffer for lack of attention, and (3) CCPC has been concerned with, and has done some work on, [REDACTED] and it would probably be desirable that a decision as to the jurisdiction of the subject be resolved as soon as possible.

There was further discussion including questions and answers leading to a better understanding of the subject by all concerned.

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The Committee then considered the ad hoc group report circulated with USIB-EE-9.1/12 and approved the amended version which is to be forwarded to USIB for consideration, probably on the agenda for the 29 March meeting of the Board.

The Committee agreed to remove the "Special Handling" instructions and to forward the report at the SECRET classification. It was also agreed that the report would be coordinated with the ELINT Committee.

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ITEM 2 (CONT'D)

DECISION: (17 March 1960)

To approve the Ad Hoc Committee report submitted with USIB-EE-9.1/12, and submit it to USIB for consideration at an early Board meeting.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

To consider approval of the report [REDACTED] matters submitted by the ELINT Committee.

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USIB-EE-5./32 Item 5 on the Agenda for the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 March 1960.

Subject: Committee Fulfillment of its Objectives and Obligations.

PROBLEM:

To review the status of the Committee's fulfillment of its objectives and obligations; specifically, methods for evaluating pertinence, extent and quality of the ELINT produced on the basis of ELINT requirements and priorities (Paragraph 3d, DCID No. 6/2).

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman asked the JCS Member for a report on the status of the ad hoc group efforts to develop a method for evaluating the pertinence, extent and quality of the ELINT obtained by the community.

The JCS Member indicated that the work of his group appeared to be succeeding; however, it was preferred that the ad hoc group meet one more time on the subject prior to submitting their report to the Committee for consideration.

It was anticipated that the ad hoc group might be able to meet and produce their report in time for the next meeting of the ELINT Committee, now scheduled for 24 March 1960.

DECISION: (17 March 1960)

To defer the matter to the next regular meeting of the Committee in anticipation of a further report from the ad hoc group.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-seventh Meeting, 17 March 1960, came to order at 0930.

2. Item 3 on the Agenda, "ELINT Priority Requirements List", was deferred to a subsequent meeting to allow time for the Members to study the ad hoc group report circulated with USIB-EE-9.4/30.

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[REDACTED] and invited the ELINT Committee to participate in the drafting of a report which would be expected to go to USIB. ELINT Members wishing representation on the working group are to contact the CIA Member of the COMINT Committee.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1240.

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